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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of this document is attached. This document was cited by an Office Action dated January 19, 2010 issued in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-006315 with English translation. A copy of the Office Action is attached.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits following the **Request for Continued Examination (RCE)** in the above-identified patent application.

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